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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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AMEMBASSY QUITO

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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 1841

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS: EIND NU

SUBJ: BANANA TAX

1. DURING DISCUSSION ON MAY 9, GENERAL SOMOZA TOLD ME THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO INTRODUCE ANY TAX ON BANANAS UNTIL FIRM EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE THAT TAX HAS BEEN IMPOSED BY ECUADOR. SOMOZA INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE TAX OF \$1 A BOX OR ANYTHING NEAR THAT WOULD BE IMPOSED BY ECUADOR, AND THEREFORE HE WAS TAKING NO ACTION REGARDING IMPOSITION OF TAX.

2. SOMOZA ADDED THAT HE FELT THAT THIS ENTIRE "BANANA SITUATION" WAS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE PROBLEM FOR CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THAT HE EXPECTED THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX IN HONDURAS AND COSTA RICA TO CAUSE INCREASING DIFFICULTY.

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